

TO
The Most Noble Prince

HENRY

Duke of BEAUFORT,

Marquiss and Earl of Worcester,
Baron Herbert, Lord of Ragland,
Chepstow, and Gower.

Palatine of the Province of South
Carolina in America.

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THE PRINCE

OF WALES

AND

OF MONMOUTH

By the Order of the Council



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May it please Your GRACE,

SINCE God Above, doth Rulers Trust,
To Distribute Below, what's Fit and Just;
Subjects from them, by Consequence may crave
That Vice and Vertue, their Rewards may have,
In this we Imitate the Power Divine,
When Justice both on good and bad doth Shine:
Vertue by Rewards, must be preferr'd,
As much as Vice, by Punishment Deserr'd.
Pray, Sir, Believe not that the Stupid Crowd,
Fit Judges of true Vertue are allow'd;
Uncertain Rumour from their groundless Cries;
Grows in one Moment, in another Dies.
Do Justly, and then your Name,
Will be Recorded in the Books of Fame;
Vertue and Honour list themselves too High
To be the Objects of a Vulgar Eye.

South Carolina did Rejoyce when Your Grace
was become one of their Right Honourable
Lords Proprietors, and now I'm sure all
honest Gentlemen of that American Province,

will be transported with Joy, at the News of
Your Graces being their most Illustrious, and
Noble *Palatine*.

That Your Grace may long Live their most
Noble and Generous *Palatine*, for the benefit
of that once flourishing Colony, and the lately
Oppress'd Inhabitants of it, is the Humble and
Hearty Prayer of,

Your Graces most Obedient Subject

and Humble Servant

Edward Marston.

May it please your Grace, and you Right Honourable Gentlemen.

I'M Sorry that the Sufferings, and hard Circumstances of my Self, a Wife and Five small Children, do oblige me to give your Honours this Trouble.

In the Church of *St. Philips*, in *Charles-Town*, in your Province of *South-Carolina*, on the 20th Day of *June*, *Anno Domini*, 1700, I was Elected Rector of that Church, under the Hands of about 30 of the Chiefest Inhabitants, according to an Act of Assembly of the Province, Ratify'd in *London* by his Excellency *John Earl of Bath*, Palatine, and the Board of the Right Honourable the Lords Proprietors. Upon which Election I was put into Possession of the *Manse-House*, two *Negro Slaves*, and 17 Acres of Gleab Lands, given by a Charitable Gentlewoman, call'd *Mrs. Cummins* to the Rectors of *Charles Town*. I enjoy'd the Rectory quietly, with the Profits thereof, and was serviceable to the whole Colony, as a Church of *England* Minister, and Teacher of the *Latin Tongue* to many of their Children, until the Arrival, in *Carolina*, of one *Mr. Samuel Thomas* (a Broken Clothyer

Clothyer of *Sudbury in Suffolk*) sent by the Society in *London*, for the Propagation of the Gospel, with an ample Salary to labour in the Conversion of the 10 Towns of *Yammossea Indians*, to the Christian Religion, but instead of fulfilling his Mission, he first circumvented Mr. *John Kendal*, an Episcopally Ordain'd Minister of his Two Congregations, (who with his Wife were lost at Sea, thro' the Knavery of that Tradesman Missionary from Dr. *Thomas Bray*, and the Society) and after a small time came to *London*, for the Broad Seal of this Honourable Board, to turn me out of my *Charles Town* Rectory, and to place himself in it. Which Broad Seal he brought to *South-Carolina*, affixt to a Parchment Writing, sign'd by *John Lord Granvill*, Palatine for himself, and the Lord *Carteret*; The Earl of *Craven*; and Sr. *John Collison*.

On *January* the 10th, 1705; my self, a Wife, and small Children, whilst we were in the Peace of Almighty God, and our Sovereign Lady *Queen Anne*, had two Doors of our *Manse-House* Forcibly, and Riotously broken open by 8 arm'd Men, who were so commanded to Act by Sir *Nat. Johnson*, Governour;
Col.

Col. Thomas Braughton, Deputy Governour; Nicholas Trott, Esq. Chief Justice; Col. Robert Gibbs; and Mr. Henry Noble (a French Hugonot) all of them Deputies to the Lords Proprietors. We being forcibly, and riotously Ejected our Dwelling House, and turn'd out of our Legal Rights by the aforesaid Arm'd Men into the Woods; I sail'd immediately after it into *Virginia*, in order to have come to *London* with the Fleet, to have endeavour'd to obtain that Law, and Justice against my unjust, and potent Oppressors, which I could not expect to find in *South Carolina*, whilst those my Oppressors were at the Helm of Government: But the Fleet being detain'd by an Embargo in *Virginia*, until the Month of *October*; I return'd to *Carolina* again.

The next day after my Arrival at *Charles-Town*, Chief Justice Trott and his Faction in *Charles-Town*, sent Col. Alexander Paris to my Hir'd House to acquaint me; That they would stand to the Clause of the Corrupt Act of Assembly, by which I was Ejected *St. Philips* Rectory, notwithstanding the Resolves of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled against it, their Addresses to her

Sacred

Sacred Majesty, and that Queen *Anne* had nothing to do with that Colony of *South-Carolina*. Some small time after I receiv'd this Message from Chief Justice *Trott*, and his Party; The Governour came to *Charles-Town*, and sent his Marshal for me to attend him, and his Council; where I heard read at their Board to me, the aforesaid Writing, with the Broad Seal affixt to it; to place Mr. *Sam. Thomas* in my Rectory of *Charles-Town*; and to place me in *Bermudus Town Church*.

I remov'd my Family into an hir'd House, in the Precincts of *Bermudus Town Church* (or *Christ Church Parish*) upon the Invitation of the Chief Inhabitants, and by Vertue of the Broad Seal from his Excellency the *Palatin's Board*; for if the Lord *Granvil*, and two other of the Right Honourable the Lords Proprietors, had a Legal Power to Devest me of a Rectory, worth near 200 *lib. per Annum*, sure they had a power to instate me in one of 50 *lib. per Annum*. I was Resident upon *Christ Church Rectory* two whole Years, and constantly supply'd it, in all the Offices pertaining to my Ministerial Function, tho' for the whole Year 1708, I could never Obtain the 50 *lib.* Salary, given by an Act of Assembly of the Province. An

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An Irish-Man, Mr. Gideon Johnson, arriving in the Colony, with a Commission from the Bishop of London, Mr. Richard Marsden, a Refugee from Maryland, for Forging Writings, and other Scandalous practices, was put into Possession of Charles-Town Rectory, by the Governour Johnson, and Mr. Nicholas Trott's Faction in Charles-Town; but to make room for Mr. Gideon Johnson, the same party of Men displac'd Mr. Richard Marsden, to put Mr. Gideon Johnson in Charles Town Rectory; and sent Mr. Marsden to Bermudus Town (or Christ Church Parish) where I was settled with a Wife, and Four small Children; upon which we were forc'd to remove to Charles Town, and Hire an Houle upon Extravagant Terms, where I Liv'd with my poor persecuted and oppress'd Family, under the Insults, and Inhumane Treatments of Mr. Nicholas Trott, Major Jukes, and some other of my Causeless Adversaries in Charles Town (as a Deposition upon Oath taken before Mr. Samuel Evelyn, a Justice of Peace, and Lords Proprietors Deputy, will satisfy your Honours) I was Invited by Capt. Page; and Mr. Robert Seabrooke to undertake a long and tedious Journey of some Hundreds of Miles into

the Southern parts of the Province (called *Colleton* and *Granvil* Counties) to Baptize 200 poor people, who wanted Christian Baptism; at the request of Sir *Nathaniel Johnson*, Governour, and the two aforesaid Gentlemen; I began my Journey in *October*, in 1709; and was Elected Rector of *St. Bartholomews* Parisha in the House of Capt. *Woodward* upon *Ashupee* River, under the Hands of the principal Inhabitants of that large parish, who were Church of *England* Men. They having no Church Erected for the publick worship of Almighty God; I constantly every *Lords-Day* had a Congregation, and read the Service of the Common Prayer Book, and preach'd at some Gentlemens House upon *Ashupee* River: At the latter end of *Feb.* and in *March* following, I Travell'd to *Chibeau*, and *Cambahee* Rivers, to Baptize the poor people, and to exercise the other Offices of my Ministerial Function, for your poor Subjects upon those Rivers. I Travell'd to the Ten *Yamasee* Towns of Indians, and in the Porch of the *Eduspar* Town Round House, I read the Service of the Common Prayer Book of the Church of *England* one *Lords-Day*, and Baptiz'd a Girl.

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From those Towns, I Travel'd to Port-Royal
Island, where I Baptiz'd great Numbers; I
Baptiz'd Seventy two Adult Persons and others
in those my Travels.

After Seven Months abode in those remote
Southern parts, I return'd to my poor Family
in Charles-Town, where I found Sr. Nathaniel
Johnson (who had promis'd me encouragement
for my Travels into the South) remov'd from
the Government; and Colonel Edward Tynnt
Governour in his room; who immediately
dying after my coming to Charles-Town, and the
Country running into Arms and Tumults about
setting up a new Governour, I went no more to
my Parish of St. Bartholomews.

Mr. Wood, the Rector of St. Andrews Church
upon Ashly-River, dying that Summer; I went
with the Recommendations of Sr. Nathaniel
Johnson, Col. Broughton, and the rest of the
Ecclesiastical Commissioners to St. Andrews vacant
Church, according to ther New Church Act of
Assembly, where I was elected Rector, or Pa-
stor of it; and was resident upon it Seven
Weeks; and the Inquisition, I lay before your
Grace, and this Right Honourable Board; I
hope

hope will satisfy your Honours why I did not go any more to reside upon St. Andrews Rectory. I have brought a little Son about eleven Years of age with me to London, and did leave a Wife, and four small Girls behind me at Charles-Town in your Province of Carolina. We are all of us humble Petitioners to your Grace, and this Right Honourable Board of Lords Proprietors of South Carolina; that you'll be pleas'd to determine, which of the aforesam'd Rectories in Carolina is my legal right, and possession; and thereupon write to your Governour, Chief Justice, Deputies, and Officers, that my poor Wife, and small Children, be paid the Legal Salary, or Stipend given by an Act of Assembly, to each Rector of a South Carolina Parish. In so doing your Grace and Honours, will much oblige;

Your most Obedient Subject

and Humble Servant

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Edward Marston

From my Study,
against Trinity Church,
in the Minories,
Novemb. 15th, 1712.

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